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## Rep. Nygren's Statement on the UW System and Bucks Arena

**Madison** – State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette) released the following statement regarding Governor Walker's announcements on the UW System and the Milwaukee Bucks arena:

"With the release of information about the Governor's UW System budget proposal, our main focus this session will be to continue improving our state's economy and strengthening autonomy for our university system. Our universities make up a world-class educational system, and we need to enact reforms that will give these institutions the tools necessary to remain extraordinary.

"The goal is to increase the UW System's flexibility, and increase the system's ability to effectively use state resources. With prudent fiscal budgeting and common sense reforms, we will work to ensure that Wisconsin students will have greater accessibility to quality higher education at an affordable cost.

"As for the Milwaukee Bucks arena announcement, I firmly believe that we need to do the research necessary to ensure that we are making decisions based on what's best for Wisconsin taxpayers. The state cannot be on the hook for the cost of this prospective project; the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County need to come to the table with resources. This is a starting point for discussion, and I look forward to exploring this issue further."

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